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Date: January 18, 2013

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS:

HONORABLE JOSE A. FUSTE, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

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CASE CALLED FOR TELEPHONE CONFERENCE.

A total of 72 pre-qualified jurors will be needed:

12 jurors

6 alternates

20 peremptory challenges per each side

3 additional challenges for each side for alternate jurors

3 peremptory challenges for the government and 5 peremptory challenges for defense counsel due to the fact that there's one non-capital defendant.

The Court expects all defense counsel to work with the 25 challenges.

- The Court suggested to the parties that they work on the possibility of stipulating jurors for the final pool.
- During jury selection, the morning session will start at 8:30 AM and the afternoon session will start at 1:30 PM. A total of 20 jurors will be interviewed daily. All jurors will be summoned to appear at 8:30 AM to receive jury instructions. Each juror shall be interviewed in approximately 22 minutes; therefore, each party will interview each juror for approximately 11 minutes. The motions for cause will be discussed after each juror has been interviewed.
- Next list of strikes by cause with regard to the second 200 jurors is due by 1/23/2013.
- As requested by the parties, the Court will allow that the final exercise of strikes be done
 as follows: Each party will exercise strikes in turn until all strikes are exhausted or all
 sides pass their opportunity to exercise a strike.
- Parties discussed the issue of jurors who claim a hardship because they live far apart from San Juan. The Court stated that this claim will not be considered an excuse. Lodging and transportation will be offered, if needed.
- Docket #768 is Noted.

S/ Diana Villavicencio

Courtroom Deputy Clerk